REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to delete the multiple dependency of the claims, thereby placing such claims in condition for examination and reducing the required PTO filing fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current Preliminary Amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version With Markings to Show Changes Made**".

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pressure into said fold-back part, thereby expanding the interior of said fold-back part so that it can become larger than the spacing between the free end of said fold-back part and the side of the metallic plate on which the injected synthetic resin is to be joined to the metallic plate, whereby the metallic plate and the injected synthetic resin are joined together.

3. The method for joining synthetic resin to a metallic plate, as defined in Claim 2, wherein with the metallic plate being set in position inside the synthetic resin injection metal mold, a space is provided between the fold-back part formed on the peripheral edge portion of the metallic plate and the part of synthetic resin injection metal mold oppositing the said fold-back part, said space being capable of absorbing the expansion of the fold-back part that occurs when part of the injected synthetic resin enter into the fold-back part.

4. The method for joining synthetic resin to a metallic plate, as defined in Claim 1 any one of Claims 1 through 3, wherein with the metallic plate being set in position inside the synthetic resin injection metal mold, the metallic plate includes a part other than the peripheral edge portion of the metallic plate that may become deformed into a curved surface having projections and depressions when it is placed under the pressure of the synthetic resin injected against the side of the metallic plate on which the injected synthetic resin is to be joined to the metallic plate.

5. The method for joining synthetic resin to a metallic plate, as defined in Claim 4, wherein with the metallic plate being set in position inside the synthetic resin injection metal mold, a space is provided between the metal mold and the metallic plate, said space being capable of absorbing the deformation of the part other than the peripheral edge portion of the metallic plate that occurs when it is placed under the pressure of the synthetic resin injected against the side of the metallic plate on which the injected synthetic resin is to be joined to the metallic plate.

6. The method for joining synthetic resin to a metallic plate, as defined

Claim 1

in any one of Claims 1 through 3, wherein with the metallic plate being set in position inside the synthetic resin injection metal mold, the metallic plate includes a part other than the peripheral edge portion of the metallic plate that has projections and depressions on the surface thereof on the side of the metallic plate on which the injected synthetic resin is to be joined to the metallic plate.

7. The method for joining synthetic resin to a metallic plate, as defined Claim 1 in any one of Claims 1 through 6, wherein the synthetic resin is a transparent synthetic resin.

8. The method for joining synthetic resin to a metallic plate, as defined Claim 1 in any one of Claims 1 through 7, wherein the metallic plate is mounted inside the synthetic resin injection metal mold by using the air pressure.

9. A method for joining synthetic resin to a metallic plate, wherein the method includes the steps of:

providing a metallic plate obtained by pressing a metal blank, said metallic plate having its joint surface formed into a particular shape;

providing a thermoplastic synthetic resin molded product, said thermoplastic synthetic resin molded product having its joint surface formed into a shape analogous to the particular shape of the metallic plate;

heating the metallic plate; and

making the thermoplastic synthetic resin molded product in direct contact with the heated metallic plate under the applied pressure so that the thermoplastic synthetic resin molded product can engage the heated metallic plate on their respective joint surfaces, whereby the heated metallic plate and the thermoplastic synthetic resin molded product are joined together into a single unit.

10. The method for joining synthetic resin to a metallic plate, as defined in Claim 9, wherein the respective joint surfaces of the metallic plate and thermoplastic synthetic resin molded product are formed to have